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GENERAL

1. Norway would accept SC seat--US Ambassador Bay in Oslo has learned from the Norwegian Foreign Office that Norway would accept a seat on the UN Security Council despite its reluctance to assume the added burden and personnel difficulties. Bay adds that Foreign Minister Lange will probably inform Sweden and Denmark of Norway's decision but that objection from those countries is apparently not anticipated.

(CIA Comment: The Scandinavian countries rarely accept international responsibility without first consulting each other.)

EUROPE

2. FRANCE: Possible dissolution of French Assembly--According to US Embassy Paris, French business and financial circles are deeply skeptical that any government deriving authority from the present Assembly will have sufficient will and energy to achieve economic stabilization. The Embassy reports that following the most recent crisis there has been renewed talk of a possible dissolution of the Assembly. The Embassy points out, however, that dissolution cannot take place without voluntary action by the Assembly and that this would be difficult at present because a majority over the dissolution party is still held by the Communists and those deputies who fear for their seats in new elections.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that if the crisis is prolonged and social tension mounts, a majority favoring new national elections will gradually be formed. Even though at present the group opposed to dissolution holds a majority, there is little likelihood that it will be able to form an effective government without the support of those favoring dissolution.)

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3. INDIA: US will order nationals to leave Hyderabad--US
Charge Donovan in New Delhi has decided to order the evacuation of US nationals from Hyderabad. According to Donovan, similar action is being taken simultaneously by the High Commissioners for the UK, Canada, and Australia. Donovan adds that a high Indian official promised to facilitate the evacuation but indicated that the movement must be completed by the evening of 10 September. Donovan points out that this stipulation may indicate that Indian troops are scheduled to invade Hyderabad on 11 September.

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4. INDONESIA: US plan to be presented in negotiations--The Department of State has informed the US delegation of the Good Offices Committee (USGOC) in Batavia of its general approval of the new plan formulated by USGOC for settlement of the Indonesian problem. The Department has requested that the plan be presented as soon as possible to the Dutch and the Republicans and to the Australian and Belgian GOC delegations. The Department believes that the time factor is now of the greatest importance and intends to ask the Dutch to withhold their new plan and give full support to the US proposal.

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